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‘Inspiring’ Sona vowed

Good governance NGO gives P-Noy grade of 5.59 out of 10

By Christine O. Avendaño and Doris C. Dumlao

IT'S A SPEECH that will show that "what President Aquino says is what he does."

This is how the Palace describes the third State of the Nation Address (Sona) that President Aquino will deliver before a joint session of Congress today.

Careful not to give away how the speech would go, presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda yesterday gave assurance that it would be "truthful and inspiring," not at all the speech that Mr. Aquino's critics had judged even before hearing it as a rehash of old issues and promises.

In time for the President's third report to Congress, experts in different fields who make up the Movement for Good Governance (MGG) released their new scorecard for Mr. Aquino.

For his work in his second year in office, the Movement for Good Governance gave Mr. Aquino a score of 5.59 out of a possible 10. The group gave him 4.69 last year.

The movement, headed by University of the Philippines professor emeritus Solita Monsod, the socioeconomic planning secretary to Mr. Aquino's mother, said the score, though representing an improvement from last year's, meant that the President fell short of meeting the goals that he himself had set and committed to deliver at the beginning of his term.

Speaking on state-run radio

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WARM-UP PROTEST Militants parade effigies of President Aquino and Uncle Sam during a Sunday rally near Malacañang in preparation for a big one when the country's highest official delivers his third State of the Nation Address today at the Batasang Pambansa Complex in Quezon City.

Protesters told: Bring umbrellas, raincoats

By Kristine L. Alave

PROTESTERS out in the streets for President Aquino's State of the Nation Address (Sona) today are likely to get drenched.

Although Tropical Depression "Ferdie" has left the country, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) yesterday warned of occasional moderate to heavy rains on the western seaboard, including Metro Manila.

Ferdie dumped heavy rains and triggered flash floods in Luzon before heading out late Saturday.

Metro Manila will be under cloudy skies today, Pagasa said. "By Tuesday, we expect gradual improvement in the weather," said Pagasa forecaster Bernie de Leon.

The protesters were advised to bring raincoats and umbrellas as downpours were expected in various parts of the metropolis today.

"We'll be marching, rain or shine. The issues of human rights, economic degradation,

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PNP units on full alert for anti-Sona rallies / A17

Sona clashes with call for Charter change

ANALYSIS

By Amando Doronila

DAYS before President Aquino's third State of the Nation Address (Sona) today, the people's attention was diverted to an extraneous political exercise—a call for constitutional change as a catalyst of economic growth.

The call came from Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr., who made public statements two weeks ago that the time for amending the economic provisions of the 1987 Constitution has come.

The leaders of both houses of Congress expressed confidence that they could line up majorities in their respective chambers to come on board the Charter change locomotive to get their initiative moving by next year.

The call was not something the public wanted to hear from the political leadership after a year of domestic turmoil over the Aquino administration's campaign to unseat the Chief Justice and the standoff between China and the Philippines in disputed territories in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

The confrontation pushed the two countries perilously close to naval encounters and put to the test the foreign policy mettle of the Aquino administration.

These two turbulent events defined the real state of the nation in the past year.

The constitutional change initiative was out of place in

SONA / A22

COLORADO CARNAGE

In real life, superheroes rise



MEMORIAL RITE Family, friends and former classmates of movie theater shooting victim AJ Boik gather for a memorial service at Gateway High School in Aurora, Colorado. AFP

AURORA, Colorado—Movie screen superheroes never die. But there were superheroes present in a darkened movie theater in Aurora mall, and some of them did die, like Matthew Robert McQuinn, who threw his body in front of his longtime girlfriend, Samantha Yowler, shielding her from the bullets that took his life.

McQuinn, 27, was one of 12 people killed when a gunman opened fire at the theater early Friday. Like many of the other victims, he was young enough to have limitless possibilities ahead of him.

He and Yowler went to see the midnight premiere of the latest installment in the Bat-

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Palace condemns senseless killings • Security tightened at US movie houses / A14

Property boom alters PH skylines

AS A PROPERTY boom gathers pace in the country, even Paris Hilton, Donald Trump and high-fashion house Versace are getting a piece of the action.

The good times are into their fourth year, fueled by steady economic growth, Western firms outsourcing jobs to the Philippines, rising buying power of millions of Filipinos working abroad and low interest rates.

"It just so happens that today the stars are aligned … we have never seen the economy this bullish," said Antonino Aquino, president of Ayala Land, one of the country's biggest property developers.

Ayala Land is one of the main players in what industry figures describe as an unprecedented construction boom that is transforming the skyline of Metro Manila as well as many provincial cities.

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Joker to skip fashion parade of legislators

By Cathy Yamsuan

ADMITTEDLY, Sen. Joker Arroyo pays more attention to women legislators dressed up to the nines than to the President's speech when he attends the annual State of the Nation Address (Sona).

"The one thing I really like about the Sona is that the senators and

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Deal with it, SC tells solons on JBC

By Marlon Ramos and Gil Cabacungan

THE BALL is now in the lawmakers' court.

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Live the Prime Life at Eastwood



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Eastwood City, one of Quezon City's prime hot spots, has always been known for its array of high-end shopping malls, restaurants and bustling night life. Things are looking even brighter for Eastwood City as Megaworld Corporation, the company behind the township, solidifies its status as a vibrant living and breathing community.

The offerings of Eastwood City – **One Central Park, Eastwood Parkview and the Eastwood Park Hotel & Residential Suites** – are positioned as one vital [illegible] skyscrapers that blend accessible shopping with exquisite living spaces, all ready for occupancy. Like the surrounding commercial and corporate spaces, these properties showcase an ultra-modern design that conforms to the community's trendy vibe.

Eastwood City's living spaces host various recreational and luxurious facilities, from lush parks to entertainment venues that offer guests the five-star treatment. These all make for a quick and perfect getaway from the hustle and bustle of the "city within the city."





ONE CENTRAL PARK: The park in the city

Living in One Central Park mimics the cosmopolitan lifestyle featured in New York City's very own Central Park. Situated right in the heart of Eastwood City, the project has studios and two-bedroom suites that enjoy views of the Antipolo mountain ridge, City Walk and the podium deck of the posh Eastwood Mall. It lives up to its name as a true park by featuring lush greenery with palm trees and tropical blossoms plus a serene lagoon, all found within the vicinity. Aside from topnotch amenities, One Central Park offers instant access to Eastwood Mall.

EASTWOOD PARKVIEW: Entertainment at your fingertips

A Miami-inspired amalgam of glass and concrete that echoes the "work hard, play harder" principle of Eastwood City, Eastwood Parkview's twin towers are linked to the township's top leisure and entertainment hot spots. Its grand lobby with fine finishes welcomes residents to luxurious comfort. Its main entrance is right beside Eastwood Mall's back door, making it a perfect abode for those craving for the convenience of Eastwood living.

EASTWOOD PARK HOTEL & RESIDENTIAL SUITES: Five-star accommodations

The grandiose Eastwood Park Hotel & Residential Suites, on the other hand, offers a glamorous lifestyle by bringing together the coziness of a home with the elegance of a hotel. Residents are pampered immensely as they experience the ultimate in luxury, exemplified by the project's unparalleled room service and concierge. The splendid view of the City lights at night is also something that one shouldn't miss out on. It serves as a prelude to the 30-story tower's prolongation of pleasures.

With these exquisite living spaces and the accoutrements that come with them, it's not hard to think of Eastwood City as one of the nation's most prominent communities, an honor that's also bestowed on Megaworld's McKinley Hill, Newport City and Forbes Town Center. It's virtually everything that everyone is looking for in a home base: a place to live, work and play in.

Visit the "Live the Prime Life with Megaworld" gallery of RFO properties today until July 24 at the Eastwood Mall Atrium. All buyers will enjoy special discounts, FREE HP gadgets and FREE Fitness First memberships.

Eastwood City

Joker to skip fashion parade of legislators





Protesters ...





Lawmakers want to give Dolphy award

TWO LAWMAKERS have proposed giving the late Comedy King Dolphy the Congressional Medal of Distinction, the highest award the House of Representatives can confer on an exemplary individual.

Representatives Elan de Venecia and Bernadette Herrera-Dy have filed House Resolution No. 2581 conferring the congressional medal posthumously on Rodolfo "Dolphy" Vera Quizon for his "outstanding accomplishments as a stage, television and movie actor over a span of seven decades, earning for himself the title Comedy King of Philippine Show Business."

The Congressional Medal of Distinction was given to Manny Pacquiao in 2010 when he captured his eighth world boxing title.

"Dolphy is also worthy of this honor, in recognition not only of his performance as an actor, but more so for his role in making the Filipino people laugh amid crises and poverty, a feat not every actor is able to achieve while maintaining humility and kindness," said De Venecia.

Dy said she expected the resolution to receive strong support from their colleagues. "Dolphy is deserving of that distinction because he was very influential in eradicating gender bias by portraying homosexuals in his movies. He was also recognized for championing the plight of the common man, through John En Marsha."

Dolphy died on July 10 at the age of 83.

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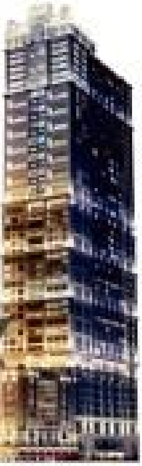




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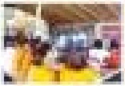
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Soldiers shot, too

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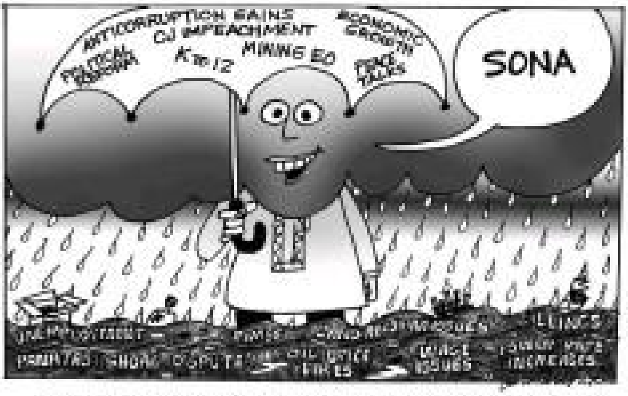
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Food for wolves

'Off-shipped' seafarer's woes on delayed benefits



Truck falls into ravine; 15 killed

By Joey A. Gabieta

TACLOBAN CITY—At least 15 persons were killed on Saturday night when the vehicle they were riding exploded and fell into a ravine in Calubian town, Biliran.

Masbate contains loose guns as midterm elections near

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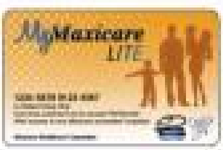




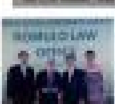


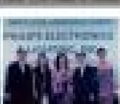


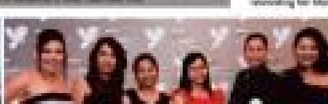


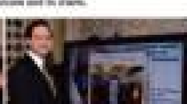


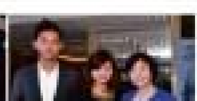












PNP units on full alert for anti-Sona rallies



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Palace vows inspiring State of the Nation Address

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Health	3	[illegible]
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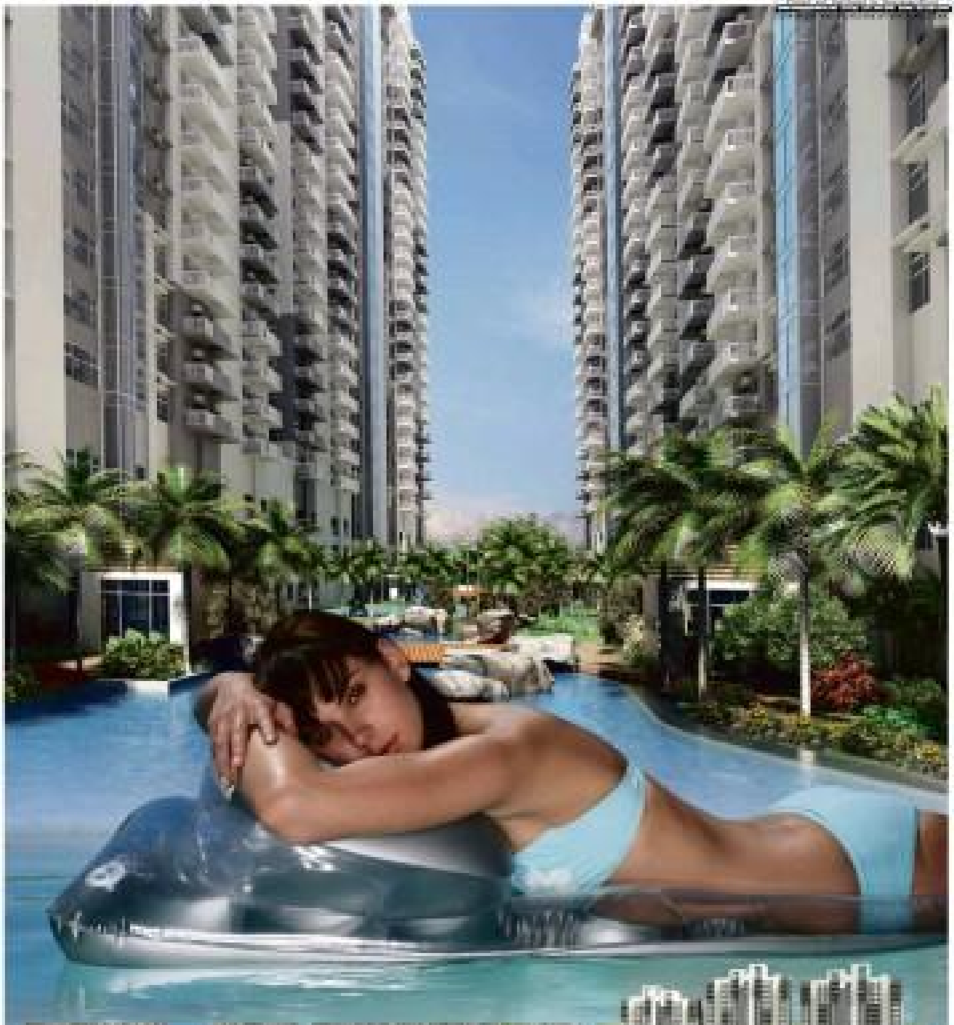
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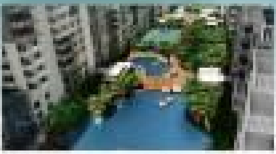














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Barangay chair kills colleague











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'Vatileaks' butler wanted to help Pope, says lawyer



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The WORLD

US to focus on forcibly toppling Assad

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration has for now abandoned efforts for a diplomatic settlement to the conflict in Syria, and instead it is increasing aid to the rebels and redoubling efforts to rally a coalition of like-minded countries to forcibly bring down the government of President Bashar Assad, US officials say.





Rupert Murdoch quits boards of UK papers



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Fired-up Blue Eagles overwhelm Bulldogs

Tams nip Archers, grab lead

THE PREVIOUS shock loss only got Ateneo all fired up.

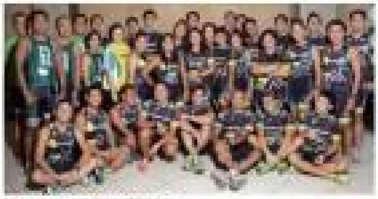
Fired-up Eagles scuttle Bulldogs



3 PH teams ready for World Series

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Impressive welcome rites for Olympic bets



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SPORTS

Spain picks Gasol as Olympic flag bearer

Scott snatches Open lead by four shots



ADAM Scott watches his putt on the ninth green during the third round of the British Open golf championship.

Juvic enjoys Major debut, sees more relaxed final round



PAGUIYAN

Wiggins set to claim first British victory in Tour de France

Ex-champion Sermona gains Milo Marathon finals berth



Why Chinese sportswomen excel

CLEAN LIVING





BUSINESS



Bangko Sentral seen to cut rates

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STOCK MARKET

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Stocks seen to rise slightly

Global easing trend due to external shocks

FINANCIAL markets are increasingly betting that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas will slash key interest rates to new record lows within the year, or as early as this week's monetary policy meeting, given the trend of global easing to cushion against external economic shocks.

Gov't eyes regional power projects

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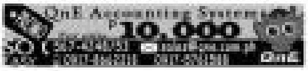


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Artist's perspective of Rio Tower lobby

Rio Tower highlights carnival vibe at The Capital Towers

The Rio Tower is making condo living a richer experience at The Capital Towers as the third of Federal Land's upscale residential development along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City promises a carefree and vibrant lifestyle in the tradition of one of the world's most festive cities.

Inspired by Brazil's ravish gras city of Rio de Janeiro, the Rio Tower replicates the celebratory mood of the famous carnival by giving homeowners and their relatives and friends continuous fun and excitement whether they are inside their luxurious condo unit or in the indoor and outdoor amenities.

"The Rio Tower, just like the Rio Carnival, is a symbol of people coming together and enjoying each other," according to Federal Land president Alfred V. Ty.

Rio has its own amenities in the 7th floor that guarantee residents and guests



Artist's rendering of the 3-level retail shopping center



zero boredom. The swimming pool and poolside deck brings out the resort-type spirit of Rio Tower by offering relaxation or serving as a party venue.

There's also a function room, which can accommodate a family gathering. Children can have fun all day at their own play area while adults can enjoy billiards and table tennis at the game room. Other first class amenities are a jogging path, gym, daycare center, commercial arcade and a view deck.

Rio's 23- to 26-square-meter studio unit, 26- to 29-square-meter 1-bedroom unit, and 41- to 43-square-meter 2-bedroom unit are perfectly snug and functional for a startup family or professional. Each Rio unit has a living and dining area and bedroom with laminated wood plank flooring while the kitchen and toilet and bathroom have ceramic tile floors.

At 42-storey's tall, the Rio Tower affords high-rise residents a view of Antipolo in the east, Manila Bay in the west, northern Manila in the north and the Makati skyline in the south. There are four elevators to serve all residents. The building is also equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, fire detection alarm system, emergency power generator and sewage treatment plant.

Location enhances the Rio Tower's festive offerings with bar-hopping and gig-watching options in the nightlife strip of nearby Tomas Morato and Timog Avenues. Shopaholics also have easy access to the Gateway and Ali Mall in Cubao and the Greenhills Shopping Center in San Juan. Everything else is near from hospitals to schools.

The Rio Tower will be the culmination of The Capital Towers, which comprises two other residential buildings perched on podiums: the Athens and Beijing. The Athens Tower has been completed while construction of the Beijing Tower is currently in full swing, and is scheduled for completion by next year. The 26-storey Beijing Tower is also offering bigger units and the innovative myHOME concept or units that can be converted into a home, an office or a shop.

The Rio Tower is scheduled for construction by mid 2013 and is targeted for completion in 2016, when Rio de Janeiro in Brazil hosts the 31st Olympiad.

For more information about Rio Tower, please call 723-4153 or visit its website at www.thecapitaltowers.com.ph.



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BSP eases rule on restructuring credit-card loans

Exec stresses need for financial literacy



Gov't eyes regional power





MERALCO BOOSTS COMPETITIVENESS OF TOMS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION

The Manila Electric Company (Meralco) signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with plastic parts manufacturer Toms Manufacturing Corp. which enrols the latter to the Meralco Customer Choice Program (CCP). Under the CCP, Toms can achieve production efficiencies as it shifts its operation schedules to off-peak hours. This will help them slash as much as five percent from costs in their electricity bill which will enable them to price their products competitively. Toms is known for the manufacture and supply of plastic parts used for electronics such as computers, printers and automotive plastic components. Signatories to the MOA were Meralco Assistant Vice President and Private Sector Relationship Management head Ms. Cecilia M. Domingo and Toms Manufacturing Corp. Executive Vice President Yoshinori Eiji (second and third from left). Other signatories were Meralco Corporate Relationship Manager Robert T. Pereja and Toms Manufacturing Accounting Manager Vivian G. Fulam (first and fourth from left). (Inset) Eiji showing Domingo their products at the Toms plant in Cavite.



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Agreements expected to be signed in early 2013

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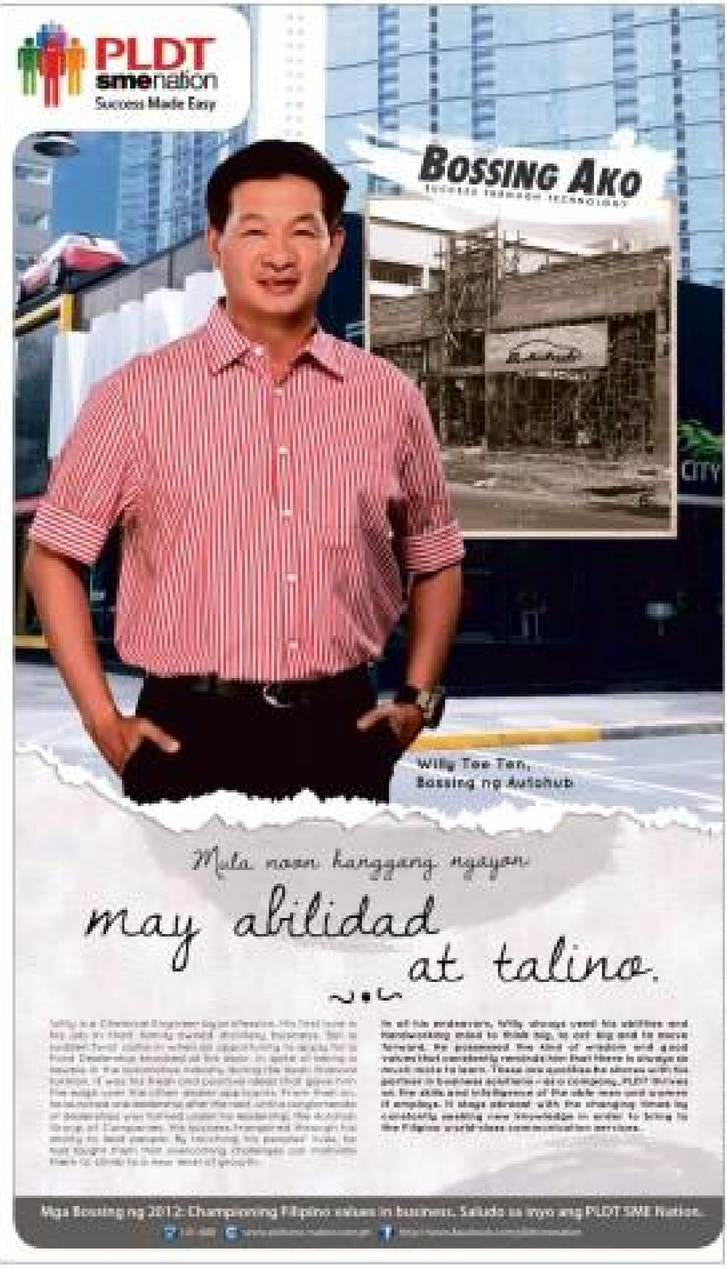
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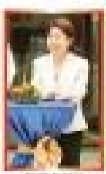










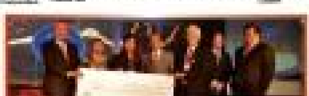




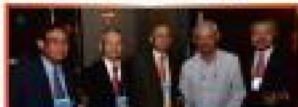


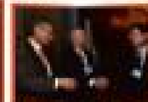


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Believing in Transparent TECHNOLOGY



Mayor Junjun Binay and Makati's technology roadmap for business

From the very beginning, Makati Mayor Junjun Binay saw the role technology was going to play in enabling the Philippine business capital. "Technology is the unmistakable driver of business," he said during his recent birthday celebration he shared with constituents at the Makati City Hall. "The way it helps Makati is it makes business registration and filing much easier, and it also renders all our processes as more transparent."

According to the youthful and energetic mayor, each business permit filing gets an individual tracking number, with its progress through the system easily determined. "You only deal with 1 office for all the necessary business documents required in Makati," he says. "What's more is that filers get a temporary 90-day permit to enable them to transact right away, even as they wait for their actual permit."



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The greater ease of doing business in Makati will undoubtedly attract more investors. This effectively compensates already impressive tax base without having to increase taxes. "Ever since the time of my father, Makati has led the way in using technology. We've invested heavily in systems, for example, to accurately determine Real Tax dues, removing the latitude of discretion in old manual systems which was also the source of corruption."

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>
> **Mayor Junjun Binay**



In the end, the new system more than paid for itself in terms of municipal revenues and has reinforced the administration's belief in technology. It was, in Mayor Junjun's view, a great proof of how technology makes everything more efficient and transparent.

"If all modern corporations use technology so effectively, and if we are to be a city that attracts world class corporations, we must manage in the same way those corporations do," he adds.

PLDT ALPHA Enterprise was with the good mayor during his birthday to wish him and the city well, and also to help with the realization of his visionary IT blueprint. "There are ways we are looking at to optimize existing PLDT solutions for the City of Makati," said PLDT VP and Head of ALPHA Enterprise Jovy Hernandez, who explained that PLDT is evaluating putting in more hotspots to expand City Hall's community band, speeds of up to 10 Gbps.

"PLDT has always believed in a strong partnership with LGUs and in the role of technology in nation building." Mr. Hernandez cited other fine examples of LGUs who are making the best use of technology.

Meanwhile overlooking Makati, Mayor Junjun Binay scans the horizon from his surprisingly small office. "I decided to face my desk to get a full view of the city, to see how it grows everyday," he says among a remarkable collection of Iron Man collectibles. If there are any parallels between him and Tony Stark, it may be that both are using technology and all its positive applications for the undeniable common good.



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Roxas Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries, Central Azucarera Don Pedro, Inc. (CADPI), Central Azucarera De La Carlota, Inc. (CACI), and Roxol Bioenergy Corporation (RBC), through its Bids and Awards Committee, invite interested bidders/contractors to a Pre-Bid Meeting for the following:

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For Batangas Plant Only
Pre-Bid Meeting on July 26, 2012 at 9:30 A.M.

AND

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For Batangas and Negros Plant
Pre-Bid Meeting on July 27, 2012 at 9:30 A.M.

1. The Pre-Bid Meetings will be conducted at the Conference Room of Roxas Holdings, Inc.
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For inquiries and / or interested parties, you may contact Bedy Maningat, at 818-8901 to 06 local 1025.

Roxas Holdings, Inc.
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BCDA

Bases Conversion and Development Authority

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) is inviting Interested Proponents to submit proposals for the privatization and development of the following properties:

Property	Location	Area	Fee for TOR	Minimum Bid Price	Schedule of Pre-bid Conference
[illegible]	[illegible]	Approximately [illegible] sq. m.	Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP50,000.00)	[illegible]	[illegible] July 2012
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[illegible]	[illegible] Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City	Approximately [illegible] sq. m.	Fifteen Thousand Pesos [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] August 2012

Interested Proponents may purchase the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the privatization and development of these Properties which outline, among others, the requirements, procedures, methodology and criteria for evaluation and selection of proposals.

The TOR shall be made available to Interested Proponents from July 17 to 31, 2012 at a non-refundable cost as specified above, payable to BCDA in cash, manager's check or cashier's check.

A Pre-bid Conference, for each of the Property, among Interested Proponents shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated above at the BCDA Operations Conference Room, BCDA Corporate Center, 2nd floor Bonifacio Technology Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The objective of the Pre-bid Conference is to discuss the property, the TOR and other issues that may be raised by Interested Proponents.

Interested Proponents may direct their queries to:

THE CHAIRMAN

Asset Disposition Program-3 Committee
Bases Conversion and Development Authority
BCDA Corporate Center, 2/F Bonifacio Technology Center
31st Street corner 2nd Avenue, Crescent Park West, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
E-mail Address: [illegible]@bcda.gov.ph or [illegible]@bcda.gov.ph

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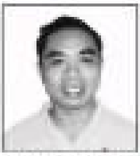
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The public is hereby informed that **MR. JOSELITO JENARPAS** is no longer connected with Chevron [illegible] Corporation (CDC) effective June 22, 2012. Any transaction entered into by Mr. Jenarpas is not valid and will not be honored by CDC.

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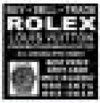
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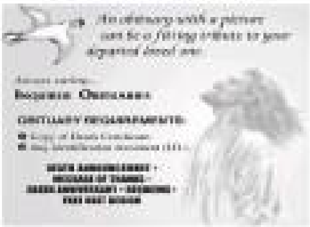
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Visa honors outstanding banks

Visa has honored a number of the country's top banks for their outstanding quality service towards Visa cardholders at a Gala Awards Ceremony in Manila. The prestigious, Visa Client Awards, honors a number of innovative programs developed to support the Visa Credit, Debit and Prepaid cards portfolios as well as service and quality beyond the norm.

During a fun filled gala evening, Visa Group Country Manager Peter Maher and Iain Jamieson, Country Manager, Philippines and Guam presented winning banks with their Visa Client Award trophies. The winning banks were:

- HSBC: Best Performer – Visa Debit Payment Volume Growth and Visa Debit Cards in Force Growth
- Unionbank: Best Performer in Visa Debit Transaction Number Growth
- EastWest Bank: Most Outstanding New Visa Debit Issuer
- RCBC: Best Performer – Visa Prepaid Payment Volume Growth, Visa Prepaid Cards in Force Growth and Visa Prepaid Transaction Number Growth
- EastWest Bank: Best Performer: Visa Classic Payment Volume Growth, Visa Gold Payment Volume Growth and Visa Gold Transaction Growth
- BDO: Best Performer – Visa Classic Cards in Force Growth, Visa Gold Cards in Force and Overall Visa Commercial Card
- HSBC: Best Performer – Visa Platinum Payment Volume Growth and Visa Platinum Transaction Growth
- Citibank: Best Performer in Visa Platinum Cards in Force Growth
- Citibank Cebu Pacific: Best Visa Co-Brand launch
- RCBC Bankard: Best Performer in Visa Classic Transaction Growth
- BDO: Best Performer in Overall Visa Merchant Sales Volume Growth

Iain Jamieson, Country Manager, Philippines and Guam, Visa, said: "At Visa, we make sure that our partner banks are duly recognized for the efforts they give to their customers to improve their banking experience. Their initiatives epitomize the true nature of the level of cooperation we strive for with all of our partners. We look forward to their continued support and trust in launching innovative products and services that cater to the needs of Filipino consumers."

The Gala Awards Ceremony was the culmination of Visa's Card Center Manager's Meeting (CCM). A forum, where the Philippines top banks were introduced to Visa business and industry updates, strategies and emerging technologies. The venue allows banks and Visa to meet informally, share best practices, and to work together for the benefits of the industry and the consumers.

Visa is a global payments technology company that connects consumers, businesses, financial institutions and governments in more than 200 countries and territories to fast, secure and reliable digital currency. Underpinning digital currency is one of the world's most advanced processing networks—VisaNet—that is capable of handling more than 10,000 transactions a second, with fraud protection for consumers and guaranteed payment for merchants. Visa's innovations enable its client banks to offer consumers more choices: pay now with debit, ahead of time with prepaid or later with credit products. For more information, visit www.corporate.visa.com.



BEST PERFORMER IN VISA CLASSIC CARDS IN FORCE GROWTH, BEST PERFORMER IN VISA GOLD CARDS IN FORCE AND OVERALL VISA COMMERCIAL CARD AND BEST PERFORMER IN OVERALL VISA MERCHANT SALES VOLUME GROWTH IN 2011

From L to R: Visa Country Manager for the Philippines and Guam Iain Jamieson, BDO [illegible], Visa Group Country Manager Peter Maher



BEST PERFORMER IN VISA PREPAID PAYMENT VOLUME GROWTH, BEST PERFORMER IN VISA PREPAID CARDS IN FORCE GROWTH, AND BEST PERFORMER IN VISA PREPAID TRANSACTION NUMBER GROWTH FOR 2011

From L to R: Visa Country Manager for the Philippines and Guam Iain Jamieson, RCBC [illegible], Visa Group Country Manager Peter Maher



BEST PERFORMER IN VISA PLATINUM CARDS IN FORCE GROWTH AND BEST VISA CO-BRAND LAUNCH FOR THE CITIBANK CEBU PACIFIC VISA CARD FOR 2011

From L to R: Visa Group Country Manager Peter Maher, Citibank [illegible], Visa Country Manager for the Philippines and Guam Iain Jamieson



BEST PERFORMER IN VISA PLATINUM PAYMENT VOLUME GROWTH AND BEST PERFORMER IN VISA PLATINUM TRANSACTION GROWTH IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR 2011

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MOST OUTSTANDING NEW VISA DEBIT ISSUER FOR 2011

From L to R: Visa Country Manager for the Philippines and Guam Iain Jamieson, EastWest Bank [illegible], Visa Group Country Manager Peter Maher



BEST PERFORMER IN VISA CLASSIC PAYMENT VOLUME GROWTH, BEST PERFORMER IN VISA GOLD PAYMENT VOLUME GROWTH AND BEST PERFORMER IN VISA GOLD TRANSACTION GROWTH FOR 2011

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BEST PERFORMER IN VISA DEBIT PAYMENT VOLUME GROWTH AND BEST PERFORMER IN VISA DEBIT CARDS IN FORCE GROWTH IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR 2011 - HSBC

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BEST PERFORMER IN VISA CLASSIC TRANSACTION GROWTH IN 2011

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Not P-Noy's 2011 report card; Sona is about us

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How party-list groups fared





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"Ang gusto nating mangyari: Una, hindi na tayo aangkat ng hindi kailangan. Ikalawa, ayaw na nating umasa sa pag-angkat. **Ang isasaing ni Juan de la Cruz, dito ipupunla, dito aanihin, dito bibilhin."**

-His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III
State of the Nation Address, July 25, 2011



Agricultural Milestones

With our united efforts, we have come this far

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HUDCC Highlights of Accomplishments
STATE OF THE NATION

Building decent & affordable housing in sustainable communities



Vice President Jejomar C. Binay, who is also the Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and other key shelter agencies, geared the efforts of these agencies towards building decent and affordable housing in sustainable communities. In line with President Benigno S. Aquino III's call to correct the inefficiencies of government systems, give preferential attention to the needs of the underprivileged, and align the programs, projects, and activities of all government departments and agencies, Vice President Binay focused on: *transparent, accountable, and participatory governance; poverty reduction and empowerment of the poor and vulnerable; rapid, inclusive, and sustained economic growth; and integrity of the environment and climate change adaptation and mitigation.*

KEY PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

To facilitate a speedy resolution in addressing the housing problems, Vice President Binay forged strong and cohesive partnerships among the HUDCC and the key shelter agencies, the Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), and the private sector. Aside from this, he also made sure that each housing program achieves the goal of sustainable communities and urban development.

I. Formulation of Strong and Effective Partnerships to Achieve the Housing Sector's Goals

A. Enhancing Partnerships with LGUs through the Pabahay Caravan Program

- The *Pabahay Caravan* was launched to enhance partnership with the LGUs in the delivery of housing services and to reduce the 3.6 million housing need. The two-day caravan to each region was designed to raise awareness on the programs and services of the housing agencies, to help the LGUs perform their functions as defined under Republic Act 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, and to increase the production base for housing. Among the programs and services of the shelter agencies for local governments are as follows: Resettlement Program for LGUs (NHA), Localized Community Mortgage Program (Social Housing Finance Corporation), Group Housing Program (Pag-IBIG Fund), Housing Regulation and Land Use Planning (HLURB), Local Shelter Planning (HUDCC).
- As a follow-up activity, the HUDCC spearheaded the creation of the Central Inter-Agency Coordinating Team (CIACT) and Pabahay Regional Inter-Agency Composite Team (PRIACT) composed of technical personnel of HUDCC and the attached KSAs in the regions. The CIACT and the PRIACT assist the LGUs in conceptualizing, designing and implementing housing projects in their respective localities and build on the gains of the Pabahay Caravan.

B. Partnerships that Generated Alternative Funds for Housing Production

- One of the successful partnerships that Vice President Binay made in 2011 is the credit facility agreement between Pag-IBIG Fund and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). This agreement allows the Pag-IBIG Fund to utilize some GSIS funds for housing. An initial P5 billion was released by GSIS to finance the housing loans of its members and pensioners through the Pag-IBIG Fund. In the same agreement, Pag-IBIG Fund shall put up a special lane for GSIS members and pensioners to facilitate the processing of their housing loans.
- In addition, the Home Guaranty Corporation provided guaranties to private banks and financial institutions to make their housing loans risk-free thereby encouraging them to participate actively in housing production. As a result of this, HGC was able to guaranty a total of P17.899 billion in housing loans in CY 2011, which translates to about 21,000 housing units. For the period covering July 2010 to May 2012, nearly P60 billion in housing loans of private financing institutions were provided retail and developmental guaranty by HGC, translating to about 30,000 housing units.

To further mobilize funds from the private sector that will spur housing production especially for the poor, the HGC is also extending its guaranty to rural banks and microfinance institutions to enable them to re-lend to the low-income sector. The HGC guaranty encourages microfinance institutions to provide more credit for home improvement without the need for real estate collateral.

- On the other hand, the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation as a Secondary Mortgage Institution (SMI) pursued its Housing Loan Receivables Purchase Program (HLRPP) which seeks to liquefy private developers as well as generate capital for the housing sector. Through the HLRPP, the NHMFC purchased loan receivables (mortgages, contract-to-sell) from developers and packaged these into an asset pool for eventual issuance of securities or bonds for sale to the capital market called the "Bahay Bonds". At the same time, the developers do not have to wait for the duration of a mortgage to recoup their capital investments since NHMFC has purchased their mortgages. To date, the NHMFC has pooled receivables worth P815.173 Million equivalent to 4,516 housing units. Of this, the NHMFC will securitize P600 million of these mortgages and is set to issue and list the first retail housing-backed securities in August.

C. Secure Tenure and Access to Quality Basic Services through Various Housing Programs and Projects

- From July 2010 when the Vice President assumed Chairmanship of HUDCC up to May 2012, the housing sector was able to provide security of tenure to nearly 200,148 households, 65% or about 127,450 of whom were poor and belong to the low-income group.
- In 2011, the Pag-IBIG Fund extended P31.5 billion for construction or acquisition of 46,200 housing units by HDMF members who availed themselves of the Fund's end-user financing program. Since July 2010, a total of P67.283 billion was provided by Pag-IBIG to fund the construction or purchase of 98,172 housing units of its members.
- The NHA provided security of tenure to almost 41,270 families in 2011 and 17,440 for January to May 2012 bringing the total families served since July 2010 to about 79,330 families, most of them belonging to the bottom 30% of the income population. The various housing programs of NHA were valued at more than P9.1 billion.
- Through the Community Mortgage Program (CMP) of SHFC, the basic service of providing shelter security became a contributory tool to developing human resources. For the period July 2010 to May 2012, the SHFC released P1.29 Billion worth of CMP loans that assisted 20,973 ISFs achieve land tenure security. Since the program's implementation in 1989, it was in 2011 that CMP achieved its highest annual number of ISF-beneficiaries at 15,873.

It was also in this period that the Localized CMP (LCMP), a derivative of the CMP where SHFC assists partner LGUs in addressing the social housing concerns of their constituents, took off. A total of P7.721 Million for 3 LCMP Projects was provided benefiting 483 ISFs.

With this, more urban poor families/ISFs were provided with shelter security by government, and with shelter security, these families, often considered as one of the marginalized groups in Philippine society, now have the confidence and the means to pursue productive activities to uplift their standards of living.

Considering that the clients of CMP are poor families, the CMP has registered a high collection efficiency rate (CER) on loan amortization. For 2011, the program achieved a CER level of 86.39%, higher than its target of 85%.

- Based on estimates that one lot generated and one housing unit constructed provide work to at least eight persons, the consolidated housing production of the shelter agencies has resulted in the generation of job opportunities to 1.339 million urban and rural workers. Further, for every 100 jobs created in the construction industry, another eighteen jobs are generated in other sectors.

D. Collaboration with the private sector and NGOs

- To create an investment-friendly environment in the housing industry, the HUDCC supported the continued inclusion of mass housing in the Investment Priorities Plan (IPP). Real estate associations were also encouraged to liquefy their housing loan receivables through the NHMFC Housing Loan Receivables Purchase Program. Private developers are now also engaged in policy and decision-making processes through their representation in the HUDCC Council.

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VP Binay leads the groundbreaking ceremony of the LGU Employees Housing Village in Tukuran, Poblacion, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro.

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NHA in the News

IPs to avail housing assistance

104,219 Metro Manila ISFs to get housing aid







Vice President Binay leads in the oathtaking of the newly formed AITECH Certified Technologies Association (ACTA), an organization of AITECH certified technology companies that promote innovative and green technologies.

• *Formulation of a National Informal Settlements Upgrading Strategy (NISUS) towards a Comprehensive Shelter Plan for Informal Settler Families.* Through assistance from the World Bank, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council is now in the process of formulating a slum upgrading strategy. The components of the strategy include:

- an inventory and assessment of policies, programs, processes undertaken by the government, NGOs and the private sector on slum upgrading in the Philippines;
- an inventory and assessment of slum issues;
- development of the strategy that will be subjected to stakeholder consultations; and
- development of a communications scheme to promote and support the adoption of the strategy.

The NISUS shall be complemented by a comprehensive review of the resettlement policies and the preparation of a Comprehensive Shelter Plan for informal settler families. [illegible] The HUDCC aims to adopt an enhanced Resettlement Policy Framework that identifies common procedures and guidelines among all infrastructure agencies, the housing agencies, the local government units, and other government agencies. [illegible]

Accelerating Housing and Urban Development Plans and Programs. The HLURB has embarked on an ambitious Zero Backlog Program for the formulation or updating of Comprehensive Land Use Plans of LGUs by 2013 through its Cluster of LGUs Approach. For the period covering July 2010 to May 2012, a total of 977 local government units (LGUs) were provided technical assistance in the formulation/updating of their CLUPs and zoning ordinances (ZOs), higher than the target of 661 for the same period.

Further, the CLUPs of local governments now integrate climate change adaptation (CCA) actions, as well as disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) measures.

The HUDCC has also completed a project with the UN-Habitat under the Millennium Development Goal-F (MDG-F) Joint Programme, which designed and showcased a climate change-resilient human settlement in a coastal city. The project, with Sorsogon City, a highly vulnerable LGU to the impacts of climate change, as the pilot, resulted in the following strategies which are now being incorporated in local development planning:

1. made "climate science" understandable to local government executives so that they will know what the issue is all about, what exactly they can and need do to prevent, mitigate and prepare for disasters, and reduce and manage risks;
2. identified expected or projected climate change impacts and scaled them down to the local level to determine better their effect on the lives of the poor;
3. localized the housing policies and guidelines on site planning and house construction with specific attention to local climate change scenarios, urban development and housing trends, and the poor's capacity to cope with disasters and extreme events. Throughout the process, the LGU engaged the vulnerable communities in defining risks and appropriate actions, taking particular account of the special needs of women, children and the elderly who are usually the most affected during calamities and emergencies;
4. defined housing options that can match the current and potential financial capacities of households and their community;
5. developed guidelines/templates which the poor can use to adapt their "incremental" way of building houses to the reality of climate change and possible disasters.

HLURB also welcomes the technical assistance to be provided by the German Development Cooperation, **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)** in the enhancement of the CLUP Guidebooks to mainstream CCA/DRR in the Guidelines. The output shall be an enhanced set of CLUP Guidebooks which shall be vital reference materials that will guide all our local government units in the identification and designation of safe and suitable areas for settlements as well as a guide on proper adaptation and mitigation measures for the different types of hazards experienced in our cities/municipalities.

• HLURB and HLURB-MINDA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the preparation and/or updating of the CLUPs and *Zoning Ordinances* of LGUs within the autonomous region which shall be implemented within an eight-month period.



Vice President Binay presents the CLUP certificate of approval to Mayor Jujul Sabani, Jr of Cotabato City. Cotabato City's CLUP incorporates provisions on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and management.



Vice President and HUDCC Chairman Jejomar Binay witnesses the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on a Home Matching arrangement between the Pag-IBIG Fund and the Department of Education that would promote housing for teachers.



President Aquino and Vice President Binay join workers in the painting of newly built housing units for the victims of typhoon Sendong in Iligan City.

Solving homelessness at the grass root

HLURB beefs up planning and regulatory functions



REFORMS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

I. Simplified Rules of Procedure and Fast-tracked Resolution of Cases

II. Developed New Guidelines for Transparency

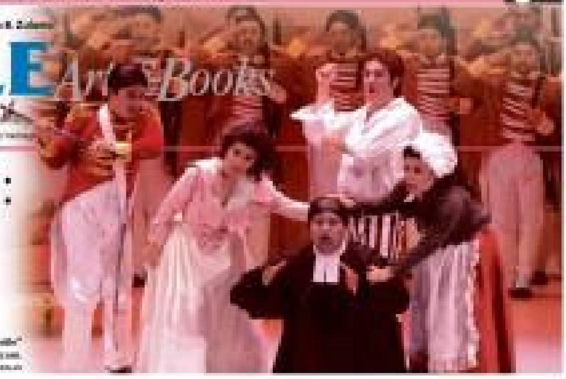
III. Pursued Cases Against Corrupt Practices

PERMANENT HOUSING
FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY TYPHOON "SENDONG"
(as of June 2012)



Cagayan de Oro ... Housing Project Phase III in Calaanan, Brgy. Canitoan, for the victims of Typhoon Sendong

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'Barber of Seville': A delightful production

"BARBER of Seville" [illegible]



MARIO Cassi as Figaro and Rachelle Gerodias as Rosina

By Margo C. Enriquez

THE GALA of "The Barber of Seville" had the audience—even first-timers to the opera—delighted.

Rarely performed in the Philippines, the opera buffa (comic opera) [illegible]. However, it had all the ingredients that made it a pleasure to watch—a superb cast of local and foreign artists, an Italian director who made the opera accessible to an audience [illegible] to the art, an Italian conductor who [illegible] Gioacchino Rossini's [illegible]; and a [illegible] CCP Main Theater made [illegible] with the modern sets by an Italian team and mood lighting by designer [illegible].

The audience understood the Italian dialogue, thanks to the English subtitles above the stage.

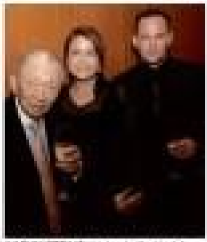
"The Barber of Seville" is about [illegible] a way to block an overly protective guardian with the help of a barber.

Mario Cassi as Figaro, the barber, was [illegible] and articulate. His sense of the character was energetic and [illegible].

Rachelle Gerodias rendered a spirited portrayal of Rosina that combined [illegible] with [illegible] vulnerability.

Arthur Espiritu as Count Almaviva sang

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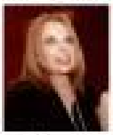
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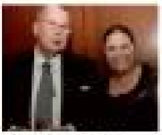


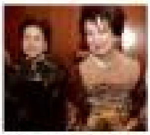
CCP PRESIDENT Raul Sunico and opera [illegible]











'Barber of Seville': A delightful production









Filipino tenor makes it to Metropolitan Opera

By Pablo A. Tariman

Rodell Rosel performed in Richard Strauss' 'Der Rosenkavalier' opposite Renée Fleming





Pressure of singing

Huge impact

Piano concert

Campus theater groups bare 2012-2013 lineup

By Walter Ang

Harlequin Theater Guild



MUSIC LAUNCH AT DON BOSCO



SCENE from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera"



PRODUCTION has nearly 2 tons of scenery, over 100 lights and over 230 costumes designed by the late Maria Björnson.

'Phantom' season extended; cast members bared

THE MANILA PRODUCTION of "The Phantom of the Opera" will have its season extended to Sept. 30 at the Main Theater of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, adding 14 more shows.

In announcing the extension, James Cundall, CEO of Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, said: "It is an enormous privilege to bring 'Phantom' to the Philippines for its premiere. I have always believed that audiences here will embrace this unforgettable show and love it as much as I do, so I am delighted to see such a strong demand for tickets, and to be able to offer 14 more performances."

"Phantom" is the longest-running musical on Broadway, and is on its 26th year in London's West End.

Acclaimed as the world's most successful musical, Andrew Lloyd Webber's masterpiece has been seen by over 130 million people worldwide.

The Philippine season opens Aug. 25.

"This touring production of 'Phantom' is as fine as any version you might see in the West End or on Broadway—it is the same superb design, and we invest a great deal to ensure it is of the highest standards," said Tim McFarlane, managing director of The Really Useful Company Asia Pacific.



JONATHAN Roxmouth and Claire Lyon

International cast

The role of the Phantom will be played by Jonathan Roxmouth. Playing the equally sought-after role of Christine, the beautiful and talented soprano, is Claire Lyon.

South African-born Roxmouth has received numerous awards for his performance as the Phantom in the South African production, for which he was awarded Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical at the 2012 Fleur du Cap Awards.

Roxmouth also won the Fleur du Cap Award and the Naledi Award for Best Performance in a Musical for the lead role of Gaston in "Beauty and the Beast."

He received a Naledi award nomination for Best Performance in a Musical for the lead role of Danny Zuko in "Grease." He also got Naledi and Fleur du Cap nominations for his performance in "A Handful of Keys."

Roxmouth has performed

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'Phantom' season extended; cast members bared

Joining the international cast and orchestra are local musicians, such as tenor Dondi Ong

Christine

Supporting cast

Grand production

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History and a parade of lights in Leyte

Sangyaw is a religious-secular festival that celebrates the Santo Niño and Tacloban as the first city in Eastern Visayas





THE MACARTHUR Landing

Pillbox

The Santo Niño





"SELF-PORTRAIT"



"THE BUILDERS"

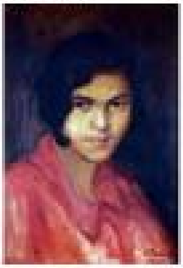
When Victorio Edades planted the seed of revolt











Nominal works of modernism

Modernists vs. conservatives



"THE SKETCH"

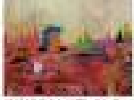


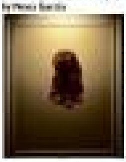
"PICNIC"

Visual Arts

Camera Cart Studio photo workshop









Garcia at Finale

History and a parade of lights in Leyte













Carlo Magno's . . .



Carlo Magno's 'Forest Allure' opens July 27 at Art Center

ABSTRACTION in the visual arts is considered a method for the highly skilled painter, whose previous preoccupation with [illegible] figuration has been distilled to a point that only form, line, texture and color matter.

But it would be a mistake to deduce that abstract art is merely chance—that it is paint splattered on a canvas without any sort of consideration.

The French-Canadian artist [illegible] thought of it as a self-reflective [illegible]. "Instead of expressing something outside of me, now I go inward and see everything I've learned thus far in my life. Abstraction demands more from me than realism."

Into this discourse, we consider

CONTINUED ON [illegible]



"FOREST Allure"

LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

Has Colorado incident shot down Caped Crusader franchise?



'Dark' legend ends darkly

By Rito Paul A. Peralo
Contributor

CHRISTOPHER NOLAN has given us not an end to any legend but a lasting imprint of a man in dire need of redemption—a man, however, who has hidden from this grace, in disgrace, in efforts to keep his city in the bliss of its own ignorance.

The Bat's 'Bane'

SEE COLORADO F2

FROM BOOK TO FILM

'Batman' trilogy end inspired by Dickens' 'Tale of Two Cities'



BATMAN F2

Has Colorado incident shot down Caped Crusader franchise?





Vintage Nolan

'Supporting' cast



Immortal

'Batman' trilogy end inspired by Dickens' 'Tale of Two Cities'

The other Nolan

DLSU holds lecture by poet Fidelito Cortes

Forum on Malate history

Forum on Philippine genetic diversity

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The new Kultura Filipino store is located at the Ground Floor, Main Mall (near the Ice Skating Rink) of the SM Mall of Asia.

THE NEW LOOK OF KULTURA FILIPINO AT THE SM MALL OF ASIA

Kultura Filipino recently opened its newly transformed store at the Ground Floor of SM Mall of Asia's Main Mall. With a new location comes an exciting new look that inspires an enhanced, premium shopping experience.

Like all other Kultura stores, the new store is a haven for all things uniquely Filipino. This one-stop lifestyle shop offers home and fashion items as well as souvenirs and crafts that are made with natural and indigenous materials. These are intricately handcrafted and fashioned into modern, world-class pieces by local artisans from all over the country.

The store's interiors capture the philosophy of Kultura Filipino's merchandise. Its wall panels, flooring and columns are made with natural, local materials and are given a distressed and industrial finish for a world-class, contemporary touch. Stone tiles, marble and pine wood in natural, earth tones are used intermittently to achieve a rough, vintage feel. All these provide multiple textures that add charm and character to the store.

A sophisticated yet relaxed ambiance is also carried out in the design through high ceilings and warm lighting. The new store's sideboard wood enhances its merchandise.

Display pieces at the store's focal points merge carefully selected items from different categories and collections. Merchandise of varying materials, textures and colors are mixed and matched to better showcase the products' style and function. This also gives shoppers an idea of how the merchandise will look in their own homes, or when given as gifts.

As the store evolves with its new look and improved merchandise, Kultura maintains its in-store services, which includes foreign exchange, shopping assistance and gift wrapping to truly give customers an enhanced, world-class shopping experience.

Visit Kultura Filipino at its new location at the Ground Floor, Main Mall (near the Ice Skating Rink) of the SM Mall of Asia.



Kultura offers expert in-store services including foreign exchange, shopping assistance and gift wrapping.



The store's warm lighting and sideboard glow off a relaxed and rustic feel.



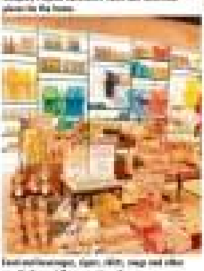
The new store's focal display complements items from its fashion and home categories.



Handbags and necklaces made with local, natural materials.



Uniquely Filipino decorative items and functional pieces for the home.



Laces and barongs, slippers, shirts, soaps and other smaller items of the souvenir section.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dolphy tribute at Cinemalaya

CHEER FACTOR

Juday finds Cinemalaya liberating





How, why TV ad messages stand out

VIEWFINDER



Striking taglines

Survey results

Klum recalls hard times for 'Runway'



HEIDI Klum

Ex-party girl's confessions

Jackie Rice recounts journey from jobless club-hopper to TV star



JACKIE Rice

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Young, restless

Long hours

Not anorexic

Missing Marky

Emmy voters snub critics' choices

Three for 'Idol'

Comedy

Andi gets a second chance

More inspired

No case

Party motif

Embarrassing



ANDI Eigenmann: "I went through a lot but I'm happy now."

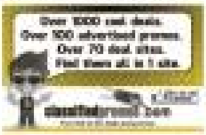
ENTERTAINMENT



BB Gandanghari wants to talk to Robin soon



By Allan Policarpio
Contributor









Wanted: The best young lounge singers





Iza's indie challenge pays off



IZA CALZADO in "Mga Mumunting Lihim"

Patriots and pretenders populate 'Homeland'



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"Enchanted Garden" premieres July 30 at 8:30 p.m.

Concert for a cause

SHOW TIME

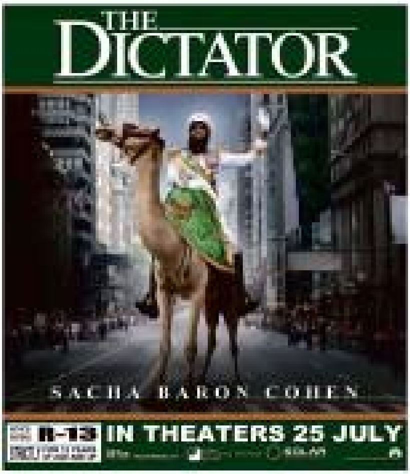
THE UNION of Peoples' Lawyers (NUPL) will hold "Legal Legato," a piano concert on July 24, Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Abelardo Recital Hall, ... University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. Proceeds will go to NUPL's programs and legal services.

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Production group founders among outstanding Fil-Ams



Did You Know...

ENTERTAINMENT



Ate Vi can't sleep without the TV on



DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

'I'm more used to drama. This is my first horror movie; I've learned that it entails more movement'

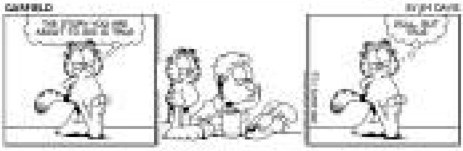


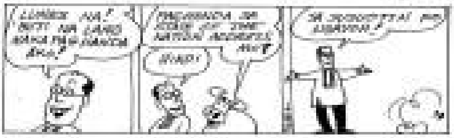




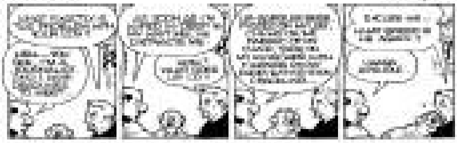
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GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



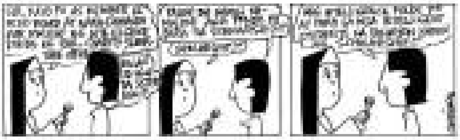


PUGAD BABOY — BY POL MEDINA JR.



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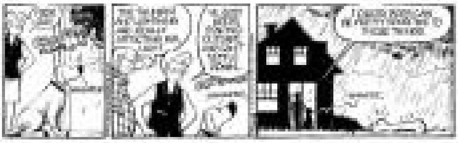


BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT





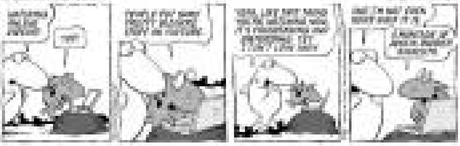
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

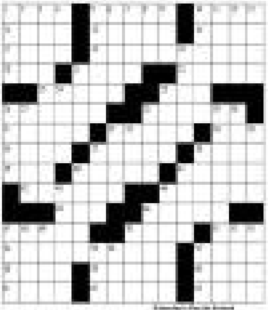
Conceptis Sudoku

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

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How to help fast-track Miss World Philippines' chances in China finals





Matteo's tip: Don't mix personal, professional stuff

Respect

New look

Lovi Poe's two worlds

Young actress straddles indie and mainstream films quite effortlessly



Breakthrough

Dream-come-true

Rumored love

First big one

Big deal for the Big Dome

Virtual tours



Notable upstarts emerge from first Philpop

Contest 'rules' sucked because spoonfeeding the masses with 'simple' lyrics is an insult to their intelligence









Setback

Winners









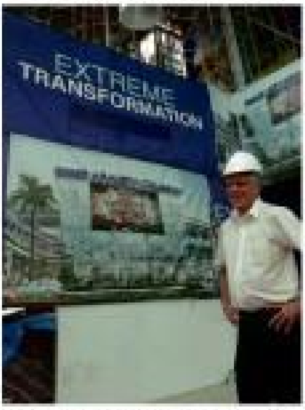
Big deal for the Big Dome

Major makeover is its answer to serious challenge from new concert venues

Naming rights

Competition

New look



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LEARNING

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Trio of Exes wins big in Paris

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Dances with words



WHENEVER we hear the word "ballet," instantly the name Lisa Macuja comes to mind.

From athlete to educator

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Smart move

Tough transition

A natural

A global art project: What makes the world smile?

Draw Happy



Kindness is first

Happiness machine

Draw your happiness

Drawings as data



Playgrounds for the MIND

WMSU celebrates 108th founding year

FEU announces search for 85th founding anniversary outstanding alumni

HONOR ROLL

Southville student is topnotcher in SBA math exam

TIP triumphs in Shell Eco-marathon Asia 2013

Proudly Dilimanian: Justine Hermoso

Miss World Philippines is also AMA beauty and brains winner

SPORTS

UE rules POC-PSC-organized national games

Letran athletes dominate sporting competitions

BRIEFS



HEART-FELT THANKS

CEU-PACE to conduct short-term course on teaching principles

LPU holds lecture on tourism planning



DLSU-STC welcomes new president

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Rewiring the brain



Have a competitive edge with CI

From athlete . . .

EDUCATOR WINS INTELLECTUAL AWARD



Dances with words

'Brandstorming' the Bastille





Best and brightest

Prepared for debut

Rhyme and reason for Sing@Ning



Blueplate for better learning launched in Parañaque

Schools become 'zones of peace'





A global art project ...

Going global

Lessons on happiness